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The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia was held on June 14, 2016, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:30 PM with Mayor Danny Turner presiding. Council Members present included: Danny Turner, Jennifer Bowles, Gene Teague, Mark Stroud and Sharon Brooks Hodge. Staff present included: Assistant City Manager Wayne Knox, City Attorney Eric Monday, Clerk of Council Karen Roberts, Utilities Director Durwin Joyce, Police Chief Sean Dunn and Finance Director Linda Conover.

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and advised Council would go into Closed Session beginning at 6:30 PM. In accordance with Section 2.1-344 (A) of the Code of Virginia (1950, and as amended) and upon a motion by Council Member Hodge, seconded by Vice Mayor Bowles, with the following 5-0 recorded vote: Council Member Stroud, aye; Council Member Hodge, aye; Vice Mayor Bowles, aye; Council Member Teague, aye; and Mayor Turner, aye Council convened in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the following matters: (A) Appointments to boards and commissions as authorized by Subsection 1 and (B) Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members, attorneys or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, or other specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, as authorized by Subsection 7. Mayor Turner stated Closed session would recess at 7:30pm and continue after the Council meeting was complete.

Following the invocation by Council Member Stroud and Pledge to the American Flag, Mayor Turner welcomed everyone to the meeting.

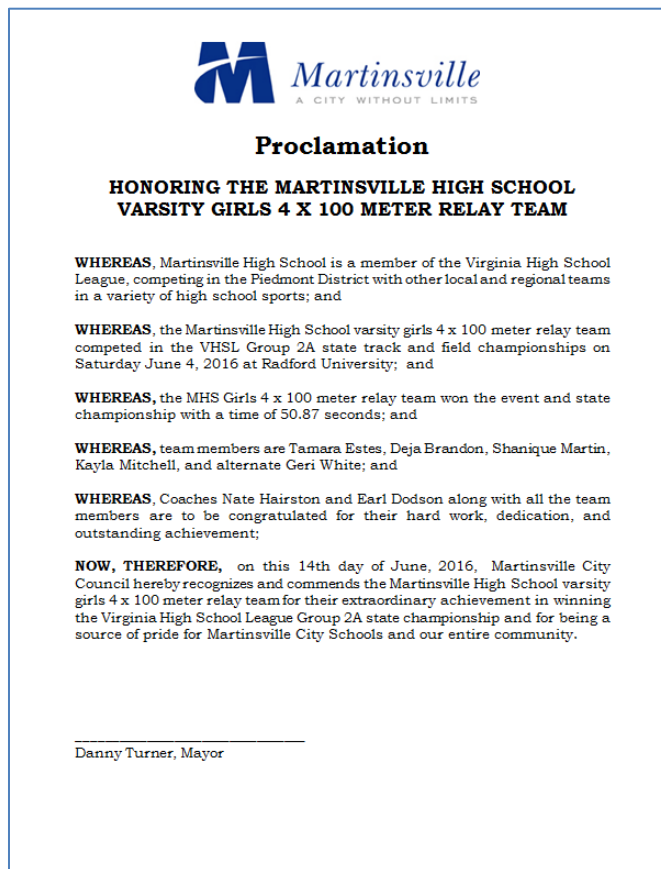
Consider approval of minutes from the May 24, 2016 Council Meeting - A motion was made by Council Member Hodge, seconded by Vice Mayor Bowles, with a 5-0 Council vote in favor to approve the minutes as presented.

Hear an update regarding the meter replacement and street lighting upgrade projects - Assistant City Manager Knox welcomed Durwin Joyce, stating that he would be updating Council on the meter replacement. Joyce said work started on the street lights June 13 and work has been done at water tower locations for the base stations. One of each water and electric meter will be installed to ensure they work correctly with the base station. As soon as that compatibility is confirmed the rest of the work will be completed. Replacement of the meters will follow the same route as the meter readers. Joyce said two notices have been sent out with bills to residents to update them on the change-over and door knockers would be left at least 24 hours prior to work being started in each area. Joyce says they expect all work to be complete in December 2016.

Present a Proclamation honoring the Martinsville High School Varsity Girls Track 4x100 meter relay team for winning the Virginia High School League 2A State Championship - Vice Mayor Bowles read the proclamation and Council Members presented a copy of the proclamation and a trophy to each athlete. Each athlete described their accomplishments and goals achieved through teamwork. The coaches thanked Council for the recognition and

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thanked the athletes for their hard work. Lawrence Mitchell, on behalf of the School Board, thanked Vice Mayor Bowles and Council Member Teague on their work with the team.



Consider approval of consent agenda - A motion was made by Teague and seconded by Hodge to approve the consent agenda as presented, all Council Members voted in favor.

BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 06/14/16				
ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
<b>FY16</b>				
<b>General Fund:</b>				
01102926	405555	Categorical Federal - Brownfields Grant - EPA		3,762
01811241	503136	Community Development - Prof. Services - Consultant	2,166	
01811241	505500	Community Development - Travel	1,596	
		Consulting fees & travel related to Brownfields remediation		
01100909	490104	Advance/Recovered Costs		500
01321102	506130	Fire Dept. - Repair & Maint.-Burn Building	500	
		Reimbursements for training supplies		
01100909	490104	Advance/Recovered Costs		2,016
01331108	501300	Sheriff/Corrections - Part-time & Temporary Wages	1,520	
01331108	502100	Sheriff/Corrections - Social Security	94	
01331108	502110	Sheriff/Corrections - Medicare	22	
01331108	506008	Sheriff/Corrections - Vehicle Equipment & Maint.	304	
01331110	506200	Sheriff/Annex - Prisoner Allowance	76	
		Reimbursement from Henry County for litter pickup-May		
<b>Total General Fund:</b>			<b>6,278</b>	<b>6,278</b>

Comments by members of City Council – Stroud commented on the Martinsville Speedway job fair which promoted 1,500 jobs and said he is pleased that there are jobs in the area. Hodge shared an email from a Spruce Street resident requesting speed limit changes and enforcement. Chief Dunn said this area is an ongoing issue where the City limit is 35mph and the County is 45mph. The Police Department has determined that most of the traffic is

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abiding by the speed limit but they will continue to monitor and enforce these concerns.

Teague said he had the opportunity to attend both of the economic development announcements which will bring jobs to the area. He attended the VML meeting and one concern that could affect our area is the Airbnb where some people are renting out homes or rooms. He wants to look at our zoning ordinances that would relate to these issues from a taxation standpoint and he wants the City to be prepared before it has the opportunity to become an issue. He also heard a presentation about the jail population and those incarcerated who are unable to pay court costs. He said VML is looking into making changes to this policy. Bowles said unemployment in VA is 3.9% and the City unemployment is the lowest it's been in a while. She also congratulated all recent high school graduates. Turner attended the General Joseph Martin Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter Flag Day Ceremony early in the day, stating that it would be good to see more youth attending these events. The Mayor and Vice Mayor will be visiting the Japanese Embassy again.

Comments by Assistant City Manager – Assistant City Manager Wayne Knox mentioned Stairway to Success supporting early childhood education, representing a friendly competition between VML localities.

Business from the Floor (not televised) – No one approached the podium

Council recessed the meeting at 8:00pm and return to closed session.

Closed Session concluded at 9:58pm, each returning member of Council certified that (1) only public business matters exempt from open meeting requirements were discussed in said Closed Session; and (2) only those business matters identified in the motion convening the Closed Session were heard, discussed, or considered during the Session. On a motion by Council Member Stroud and seconded by Council Member Hodge, a 5-0 recorded vote was held with all Council Members voting in favor to return to Open Session.

Council Member Teague made a motion to appoint Rives Coleman to the School Board; Council Member Stroud seconded the motion. Council Members voted: Teague and Stroud, aye; Turner, Bowles and Hodge, nay. Motion fails.

Council Member Council Member Hodge made a motion to appoint Eric Herza to the School Board for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2019; Council Member Stroud seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor to appoint Herza to the School Board.

A motion was made by Council Member Teague to adjourn the meeting at 10:04pm, motion was seconded by Council Member Hodge with all Council Members voting in favor.

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Karen Roberts  
Clerk of Council

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Danny Turner  
Mayor